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WHOLE NUMBER, 19,289. RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1913. THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Rain. PRICE TWO CENTS.

BOARD CHOOSES EGGLESTON AS HEAD OF V. P. I.

Former State Superintendent Elected by Unanimous Vote.

BEGINS NEW WORK MIDDLE OF YEAR

Committee Searched Nation Without Success for More Available Man—New President of Great School Has Helped to Promote Agriculture in Virginia.

Acting upon the unanimous report of its committee appointed to recommend a president for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, as presented by its chairman, H. M. Smith, Jr., the board of visitors of Virginia's great agricultural and technical school, yesterday elected Joseph Dupuy Eggleston to succeed Dr. Paul B. Barringer, who has resigned. Mr. Eggleston, if he accepts, will take charge of the work July 1.

The vote in the board was without a dissenting voice. General approval was given the findings of the committee, which, after searching the country over, declared it had been unable to find a more suitable or more available man for the work than Mr. Eggleston. His record as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the invaluable work he has done for agriculture, were regarded as guarantees of success in the field for which he has been chosen, and which presents a task no less difficult than it is important.

Many congratulated him. The president-elect reached Richmond at about the time he was chosen. He was fresh from his farm in Prince Edward County, and did not know that the meeting of the board was set for yesterday. The rest of the afternoon was spent by him in receiving congratulations, which came to him personally at first, followed soon by telephone calls and telegraphic messages. In reply to questions as to his acceptance, he said he would prefer first to confer with Dr. Claxton, his chief, in Washington.

Until time for him to take up his work at Blacksburg, Mr. Eggleston will continue in charge of the field work in connection with rural school development, for the United States Department of Education.

When the board of visitors of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute met at noon in the courtroom of the State Corporation Commission, at the Hotel, all members were present save Colonel A. M. Bowman, of Salem. The following members answered to their names: J. Thompson Brown, Bedford, Va.; Peyton F. St. Clair, Giles, Va.; W. W. Harris, Spotsylvania; Joseph A. Turner, Hollins; Senator John B. Watkins, Chesterfield; B. F. Kirkpatrick, Lynchburg; H. M. Smith, Jr., Richmond; Berkeley P. Adams, Charlotte, N. C., as president of the State Board of Agriculture, and R. C. Stearnes, as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Report of Committee.
The board at once began consideration of its principal business, reception of the report of the special committee named months ago to recommend a suitable man for president, to succeed Dr. Barringer. The committee was composed of Messrs. Brown, Smith, Kirkpatrick and Watkins.

Its report was presented by H. M. Smith, Jr. He told of the efforts put forth by the committee; how it has fully realized the importance of the task before it; to secure a man who would possess a myriad good qualities of executive ability and enthusiasm and vision and general knowledge. He told of the manner in which the committee has done its work. It has written letters by the thousand, reaching all over the United States. The names of scores of persons have been suggested, and each man has been fully investigated, as to his training and ability and character and availability and adaptability.

The committee went to Atlanta, to attend a meeting of the presidents of land grant colleges. There much valuable information about people was gleaned. Members of the committee went elsewhere looking into this or that school, or that man. By this means the field was winnowed until but a handful of possibilities remained. These were gone over carefully, the peculiar nature of the problem presented at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute being given especial attention.

Back to Eggleston.
The result was that it was found that Joseph D. Eggleston was the man best fitted for the job. It had been at first objected that he was not a technical expert, but his wide knowledge of practical things was taken into consideration. His work in behalf of agriculture was also recalled, for it was he who "hooked up" the farm demonstration work with the schools of Virginia, well known working a revolution in the attitude of the country boy to the farm. It was felt by the committee that this problem presented out the kinks in the work of the school and would fill the position with entire satisfaction to the board and to the people of the State. Anyway, the committee, according to Mr. Smith, was willing to stake its judgment on him.

It took but a short time to nominate Mr. Eggleston for president and to elect him, for nobody opposed him. The investigating committee, which has had months of arduous labor, was discharged with the thanks of the board.

Little other business was transacted. President Barringer made a report of the work now going on at the school.

Sketch of New President.
Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, president-elect of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, was born in Prince Edward County, Va., November 18, 1867. He worked on the farm from the time when his memory runneth not to the contrary, including every summer

NEW V. P. I. PRESIDENT



JOSEPH D. EGGLESTON.

Cabinet Members and Their Wives Get White House Hint Not to Splurge

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, March 13.—Cabinet members and their wives are following a hint said to have been given by the White House not to "splurge in the matter of dressing or elaborate establishments."

Therefore, the Cabinet house-hunters are not looking at palatial residences fitted with many baths, conservatories and ball rooms left vacant by the fitting of their predecessors in official circles, including the Meyer house, the MacVane million-dollar house fitted with forty baths, the Tower house and other mansions which the Washington real estate agents were counting on leasing to the new Cabinet members. The Wilson Cabinet members are passing these over for the consideration of others whose monthly rentals average from \$100 to \$200. Washington modistes have begun to despair of ever again reaping the harvest they have during the last four years, when every occasion demanded a new gown and hat of the most elaborate description.

SENATOR MARTIN GETS NO IMPORTANT PLACE

His Name as Chairman Fails to Appear in List of Committee Assignments.

FURTHER ACTION TO-DAY

Not Believed, However, That Any Change in Slate Will Be Made.

Name of Martin Fails to Appear

BY P. H. MCGOWAN.
Washington, March 13.—In the make-up of Senate committees prepared by the "steering committee," which practically has been completed, the name of Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, where he appears as chairman. All of the important chairmanships have been assigned, and while another committee, the "steering committee," will be held tomorrow morning at which less important places will be parceled out, it is considered certain that no change in the really coveted positions will be made. The list, as it has been given to the public, while not official, is believed to be correct.

The chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, for which Senator Martin made his chief fight, is said to have been won by Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who persistently refused to yield his right of seniority to the Virginia Senator and take in its place the leadership of Naval Affairs. The committee on Commerce, to which it was said Senator Martin would be assigned if he failed to get first place on Appropriations, has been given to Senator Newlands.

When Senator Martin was seen by The Times-Dispatch to-night he declined to comment on the work of the "steering committee" further than to say that another meeting would be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and that no action on his chairmanship had yet been taken.

Washington, March 13.—The Democratic forces took charge of the United States Senate to-day, elected new officers to preside over that body and paved the way for the reorganization of committees and a new control of legislative affairs. Another session of the Democratic "steering committee," lasting late into the evening, brought the committee lists near to completion. It was expected that a Democratic caucus to-morrow would prepare all committees for presentation to the Senate Saturday.

The personnel of the Finance Committee, which is to handle all tariff

HOW PLUMS SHALL BE SHAKEN FROM POLITICAL TREE

Wilson's Advisers Find Solutions of Vexing Patronage Problems.

PARTY FACTIONS WILL BE IGNORED

All Good Democrats Fitted for Office, No Difference What Their Backing—Scheme Devised by Which Loyal Workers Will Be Given Chance at Post-Offices.

Washington, March 13.—President Wilson's advisers have hit upon solutions of two of the political problems confronting the administration, which promised to be most troublesome—what kind of Democrats shall get plums from the political tree and how thousands of Democrats throughout the country can be given a fighting chance at least to get near the tree.

Within the next few days Postmaster-General Burleson is expected to present for the President's consideration a plan which will open to Democrats the 25,000 third and fourth-class postmastercies transferred to the civil service recently by Mr. Taft. Mr. Burleson said to-night that he had not yet decided whether to ask the President for a revocation of this order or not. If he decides against asking for a revocation, he will then suggest that in the classified service, the Taft order be required to pass a merit test, which would be open also to others. If the President took the first course, thousands of postmastercies would be available at once, and if he chose the other, Democrats who entered the merit competition would have as good a chance as Republican incumbents.

Ever since Mr. Taft issued his famous order, which, with a similar one by Mr. Roosevelt, put every third and fourth-class postmaster in the country in the classified service, it has been subjected to vigorous criticism by Democrats, who charged that its purpose was to keep in office through Mr. Wilson's term thousands of Republicans who were not in sympathy with the administration and who were given such protection merely to keep the Republican machine in working order. Mr. Burleson has given the order serious consideration, and any recommendation he makes to the President is likely to have much weight.

Mr. Burleson and Chairman McComb, of the Democratic National Committee, have settled upon a plan for patronage distribution, which also will be submitted to the President shortly. If it is followed, the question of whether a candidate for office is backed by "organization" men or anti-organization men will figure when he is weighed for a place. The President will be advised to go upon the principle that any man who subscribes to the Democratic platform and shows his belief in Democratic principles is politically fit for office. Personal fitness, of course, will be considered first, but the question of State factions or pre-arranged alliances will have little weight. This disposition has been shown in the first batch of presidential appointments. Some of the most prominent men whom the President has named thus far opposed his nomination at Baltimore.

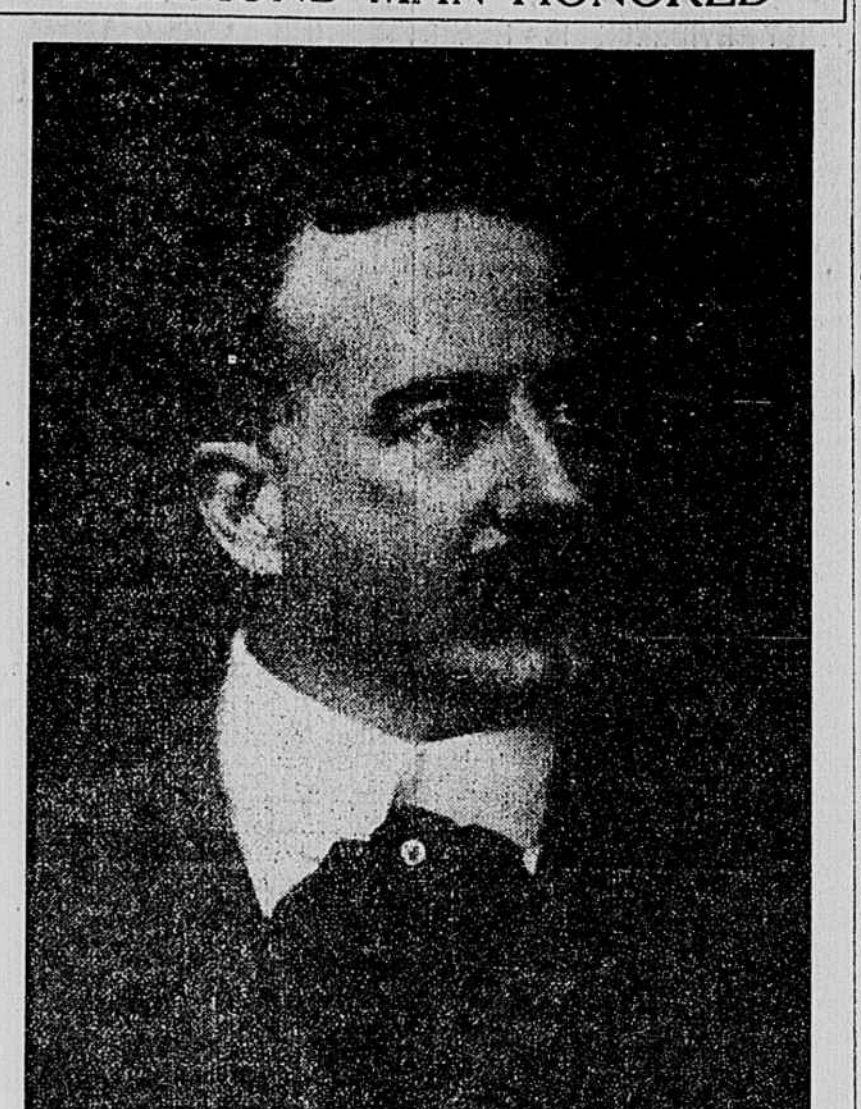
The appointment to-day of John Skelton Williams as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury was viewed by callers at the White House as an example of the selection of an independent Democrat.

The selection of Beverly T. Callaway to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture is regarded as an appointment in which political affiliations were not considered, since he has served in that department through several administrations. The nomination of State Senator Frederick D. Roosevelt to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy recalls his opposition on many occasions to Charles E. Murphy, of New York, Representative Edwin P. Sweet, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was picked for the Assistant Secretaryship of Commerce, with the endorsement of Representative Beakes, of Michigan, progressive leader of the Michigan Democracy.

Nominations Sent to Senate.
President Wilson sent these nominations to the Senate to-day: John Skelton Williams, a banker, of

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RICHMOND MAN HONORED



JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

TELLS BOARD HE'S NOT WEDDED TO JOB

City Engineer Bolling Resents Hirschberg's Resolution and Offers to Resign.

RESOLUTION IS WITHDRAWN

Department Literally Swamped With Work, and Force Seems Inadequate.

Construing a resolution offered in the Administrative Board by Mr. Hirschberg yesterday afternoon as a reflection on his ability to manage his department, City Engineer Charles E. Bolling yesterday resented the resolution, saying that he for one would not accept it. Other members of the board interposed, and the resolution was withdrawn. A three-hour conference of the methods and management of the Engineer's Department was held, and some definite action and members of the board assert that the end is not yet.

Office Swamped With Work.
The conference with the City Engineer was set as the special order for 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with a view to ascertaining what improvements are needed in the office, both as to force and equipment. For some time the Engineer's office has been swamped with work, both in supervision of contracts and in making plans and estimates, as many as twenty-five communications having been received to Mr. Bolling following a single sitting of the Administrative Board. Mr. Bolling explained a seeming delay in attending to some of these matters by stating that the board is just now calling for bids for a very large amount of street work, for which specifications have had to be prepared, and that he had given preference to such matters as seemed urgent. He asked for a draftsman and computer and for a chief inspector, as additions to his force, but thought that at other seasons of the year the present corps of engineers would be sufficient to carry on the work.

Hands Get Little Supervision.
For the information of the board, Mr. Bolling was asked to tell in detail

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WILSON APPOINTS RICHMOND MAN TO ASSIST M'ADOO

John Skelton Williams Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

FINANCIER AND RAILROAD BUILDER

Appointee, Whose Selection Took Political Forecasters by Surprise. Widely Known in Connection With Big Business. Will Resign From Directorates to Accept Post.

Another Virginian was called to serve in the high councils of the nation yesterday when President Wilson sent to the Senate the name of John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, for appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Fiscal Bureaus, to succeed Robert O. Bailey, of Illinois. The ratification is a mere matter of form, and Mr. Williams will take charge of his new post in the next few days.

The appointment took seasoned politicians by surprise. A measure of prediction has so far preceded every one of President Wilson's appointments, but in the case of Mr. Williams Dame Rumor stumbled. Outside of the President, Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo and a few others admitted to intimate council, no one was aware of the movement.

In Richmond the announcement was greeted with a like degree of surprise, tempered with universal approbation. All day long a continuous line of friends filed into Mr. Williams's office to express their gratification and good wishes. A stream of messenger boys piled his desk high with bouquets of congratulatory from friends, business associates and men in public life.

Taken by Surprise.
"I may say that this is a good deal of a surprise to me," said Mr. Williams. "I have never been a candidate for appointment, and the first intimation that I was wanted for the position came to me several days ago in a telephone call from Washington. I was offered the position by President Wilson and told him that I would consider accepting it when it was offered to me formally."

"Since that conversation I had received no further intimation of my appointment. The report in my name was sent to the Senate to-day was a complete surprise. I shall accept the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. I consider it a high honor to be called to this important post in the government service."

Widely Known Banker.
The new Assistant Secretary of the Treasury brings to his position an expert knowledge of finance and his business gained through a life spent in advancing financial and railroad enterprises in Virginia and the South. He is a director in a score of companies and corporations, president of the Richmond Trust and Savings Company, and since 1886 a member of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons, bankers of this city.

Mr. Williams has gained a national reputation as a close and shrewd developer of railroads. He was active in the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system and was from 1889 to 1905 president of that road. He is still a member of the General Assembly of Virginia for a franchise to parallel the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac from Richmond to Washington, resulting in the granting of track privileges to his road, is railroad history.

Will Resign from All Directing and Executive Offices that I now hold in fifteen or twenty corporations," said Mr. Williams yesterday, "my legal residence will, of course, remain in Richmond. I will probably return to the city for the week-end. During the summer months my family will live at the country place near Blue Ridge Summit, Pa."

Among the more important offices which Mr. Williams will resign are President and director Richmond Trust and Savings Company, director Maryland and Annapolis Company, Baltimore; vice-president and director Interstate Chemical Corporation; chairman and director Georgia and Florida Railway; director Southern Investment Company; director Freeport and Tampico Fuel Oil Company; director National Bank of Virginia; and director First National Bank of Richmond.

Telegram From Martin.
Prominent Virginians as well as friends from other sections of the country stacked Mr. Williams's desk high with telegrams of congratulations. Among the number was Senator Thomas S. Martin, who telegraphed that he and Senator Swanson had conferred with President Wilson with regard to the appointment. Messages were received also from Congressman Montague, former Corporation Commissioner Henry Fairfax and Henry C. Stuart.

From the banks and corporations in which Mr. Williams holds offices, and from leading financial institutions of the country, came similar messages of congratulation. The president of the largest bank in Baltimore telegraphed: "The officers of the bank and I are congratulating the government and yourself in making and receiving such a splendid appointment."

Friend of McAdoo.
Mr. Williams is a close friend of Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, with whom he has been associated in a number of enterprises. His appointment is without doubt due to the close relationship of the secretary, who holds a high position of the assistant secretary's abilities.

The appointment of Mr. Williams in preference to other aspirants is interpreted by politicians who pretend to be able to read the signs as a blow for Thomas Fortune Ryan, whose alliance with the so-called Virginia machine is well-known, and who fought Mr. Williams for years while the lat-

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MORGAN CARRIED ASHORE AT NAPLES

Financier Seized With Weakening Spell as He Is About to Disembark.

BY CAMILLO CIANFARRA.
Special Correspondent on the Steamship Adriatic with J. Pierpont Morgan from Alexandria to Naples.

Rome, March 13.—Not without considerable anxiety, amounting at one time to alarm of the part of his relatives, friends and physicians, J. Pierpont Morgan reached here this afternoon.

Seized with a sudden weakening spell as he was about to disembark from the Adriatic at Naples this morning, it became necessary for Mr. Morgan to be carried ashore by three persons and lifted aboard the train for Rome. So great was the concern of those around him that it

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TWELVE-HOUR BATTLE ON BORDER ENDANGERING AMERICAN LIVES

Bullets Fall on This Side of Line, and United States Cavalryman Is Shot Through Head—Lieutenant-Colonel Tate Threatens to Intervene.

Caranza Executed.
Laredo, Tex., March 13.—It is reported that Venustiano Caranza, Governor of Coahuila, who revolted against the Huerta provisional government, was executed yesterday afternoon by Federal troops under General Tracy Aubert, at a point between Bajana and Monclova. Official confirmation of the execution had not been secured up to a late hour.

A rain of lead dropped over the American town, many citizens narrowly escaping injury. Stray bullets fell into the streets, some penetrated houses, narrowly missing Americans in their homes.

The destruction in the Sonora town was great, although the majority of buildings were of adobe.

General Obregon gave the order for attack early this morning and the rebels remained at some distance from the town until nightfall.

Three desperate attacks upon the Federal soldiers were made to dislodge them from the defensive position. The most strenuous assault was at 5 o'clock, when the constitutionalists charged the Federal front, left flank and rear. Wicked fighting continued for a quarter of an hour when a sudden assault was made by rebel reserves upon the right flank of the enemy. For half an hour longer the Federal soldiers resisted, but, unable to face the terrific onslaught from all

orived late to take command of the American troops. The Mexican Federal soldiers stacked their arms before the American troops and disbanded.

More than thirty wounded from either side rest in hospitals here, while the dead dot the mesa land south of Nogales. The attackers suffered most heavily, and of the 1,000 men who made the march against the garrison of 300 regulars the number of dead has not been accurately estimated.

A Fifth Cavalry patrol, at once sent word to General Obregon, in command of the rebel forces, that "You have shot one of my men. Cease firing or I shall be after you at once." "Sounds 'Cane Pine' Order."

At the same moment the firing from the regulars under Generals Kosterlitzky and Reyes slackened. By some preconcerted arrangement Lieutenant Colonel Tate called his bugler and ordered him to sound the Mexican "cease firing" order. The Federal garrison instantly obeyed, but desultory firing continued to come from the rebels.

Colonel Obregon succeeded in holding back the fire from his men so that Colonels Kosterlitzky and Reyes, with their forces, were able to cross to the United States, where he surrendered to Colonel Wilder, Fifth Cavalry, who ar-

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Town Is Wiped Out.

Alexandria, La., March 12.—The town of Provencal, La., fifty-two miles west of here, was practically wiped out by a cyclone which struck there this morning. One negro was seriously injured. Reports from Gadsden, Ala., told of one death, one person missing, and destruction of property in Etowah and Calhoun Counties. All wires in the path of the storm in that section were blown down or put out of commission by lightning.

Three Killed by Cyclone.

New Orleans, March 13.—According to reports reaching here late to-day three persons were killed in a cyclone which struck Many, La., this morning. Several were reported injured. Thomas Goodman and his baby were killed when their home was blown

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